Mission with an outlay of Rs.8,809 crore, Support to State Extension Programmes for Extension Reforms with an outlay of Rs.2,000 crore and Macro Management of Agriculture with an outlay of Rs.5,500 crore are some of the major programmes of the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation to achieve the envisaged objectives.

All these schemes and programmes are expected to substantially increase foodgrain production in the country.

National Bamboo Mission in North-East Region

141. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the status of implementation of National Bamboo Mission with special reference to the States of North East Region; and

(b) the details of proposed plan for execution during Eleventh Five Year Plan in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) Government of India has approved on 27th October, 2006 a Centrally Sponsored Scheme titled "National Bamboo Mission" under the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation for the financial year 2006-07 of the Tenth Plan and first four year (2007-2011) of the Eleventh Five Year Plan at a total outlay of Rs.56823.00 lakhs. The Scheme is being implemented in 27 States, including 8 in North East Region. During 2008-09, a total amount of Rs.8342.86 lakhs was released out of which an amount of Rs.4482.43 lakhs was released to North Eastern States. The year-wise funds released to the North East region including to Cane and Bamboo Technology Centre (CBTC), Guwahati are given in the Statement (*See* below).

An area of 67564 ha has been brought under bamboo plantation and 18412 ha. of the existing plantations have been improved in North East region. To supply quality Planting material, 548 bamboo nurseries have been established in the region.

The Annual Action Plans for the year 2009-10 from the States, including those in the North East region, are under consideration of Department of Agriculture and Cooperation.

(b) State Bamboo Steering Committee, Assam under National Bamboo Mission has not approved any consolidated plan for the full Eleventh Five year plan. However, the State proposes to raise about 12,000 ha of bamboo plantation and improve 10,000 ha. of existing degraded bamboo stock during Eleventh Five year plan. Seasoning and treatment plant at Kokrajhar and Silchar will be developed. Capacity building through institutional trainings, both within and outside State, for farmers and field functionaries, will be carried out. Innovation in bamboo handicraft and utility products will be encouraged. The artisans will be provided marketing support for the sale of their bamboo products. Bamboo will be encouraged as industrial raw material in the State.

Statement

Year-wise funds released to the States of North-East Region

(Rs. in lakhs)

S.No	Name of States	Year		
		2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	1510.35	873.60	196.00
2.	Assam	1080.31	601.36	755.16
3.	Manipur	647.17	371.21	497.77
4.	Meghalaya	508.31	332.54	355.28
5.	Mizoram	865.45	1001.97	825.27
6.	Nagaland	1315.96	1484.17	1370.44
7.	Sikkim	429.32	450.44	213.84
8.	Tripura	122.16	646.63	137.67
9.	CBTC (Guwahati)	91.95	100.20	130.84
	TOTAL:	6570.98	5862.12	4482.27

Agricultural schemes for Jharkhand

142. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state whether there is any planning to set up Agriculture Technology Park/Agro Economic Zone/ Floriculture Research Center/Logistics chain in Jharkhand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): No, Sir. There is no planning in Ministry of Agriculture to set up an Agriculture Technology Park/Agro Economic Zone/ Floriculture Research Center/Logistics chain in Jharkhand.

However, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries has approved setting up of a Mega Food Park at Ranchi, under Infrastructure Development Scheme in the Eleventh Plan Period.

The Department of Commerce had approved and signed one MoU for setting up of Agri Export Zone for Vegetables in Jharkhand in February 2003. However, there has been no further progress.